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WICHITA CENTER FOR THE ARTS HOSTS
VERSUS: A LIVE ART BATTLE
AN INTERACTIVE PAINTING COMPETITION

WICHITA, Kan. — Wichita Center for the Arts will host the inaugural fundraiser “Versus: A Live Art Battle” this Friday, August 14, from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Center, 9112 E. Central Ave. The live painting competition will feature 10 professional and emerging artists in an artistic smack down, creating art in 20 minutes. Competitors in this one-of-a-kind event include: Jean Cook (jeancookfineart.com), Elizabeth Daniel, Matthew Hilyard (matthewhilyard.com), Corbie Leiker, Holley Schmidlapp, Diane Stolz (dianestolz.com), Tim Stone, Shannon Trevethan (shannontrevethan.weebly.com), Joshua Tripoli and Donna Yeager (donnayeager.com).

Bright lights and loud music will be the backdrop for the three rounds of live painting. The first two battles will feature five artists who will use only paints and their artistic talents to create a piece of artwork. Each guest will vote for their favorite artists, and the final round will feature the top two artists vying to become The People’s Choice champion.

The artwork created that evening will be available for sale during a silent auction. In addition, themed Celebrity Baskets will feature artwork from well-known community members paired with complimentary items. Guests can purchase as many golden tickets as they want for an opportunity to win the basket of their choice. Celebrity artists include Gregg Marshall, Bill Self, Charles Koch, Bonnie Bing, Mike Pompeo, Bobby Lane, Stephanie the Elephant from Sedgwick County Zoo, Brett Harris and Sierra Scott among others.

Guests will be treated to a signature “Artini” specialty drink, beer, wine, heavy hors d’oeuvres and sweet treats. A gallery of artwork from the competing artists will be for sale and attendees will have the opportunity to get creative by painting on the Make Your Mark canvas.



This fundraiser will benefit the educational mission of Wichita Center for the Arts. With new strategic goals and a vision to inspire the artist in each of us, Wichita Center for the Arts will continue to be a champion of inspiration for the greater Wichita area.

“We want to thank all of our sponsors, artists and fans for supporting this new event,” said Special Events Chair Polly Gentry. “Together we will change the landscape of how we use and interact with art.”

Special thanks to event sponsors Koch Industries, The Commerce Trust Company, Howard & Helmer Architecture, Hutton Construction, Kent AV, The Carnahan Group, The Wichita Luxury Collection, Spirit AeroSystems, Furniture Options Event Rental, The First Place, Delta Dental of Kansas, Ward Law Offices LLC. and Priscilla & Gerald O’Shaughnessy.

Ticket information

Limited tickets are available in advance, \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. Reserve today by calling 316-634-2787 or visit www.wcfta.com. Based on availability tickets will be available at the door for \$75.

About Wichita Center for the Arts

Originally founded as the Wichita Art Association in 1920, Wichita Center for the Arts is the area’s oldest and most comprehensive visual and performing arts organization. For 95 years Wichita Center for the Arts has made art and art education available to the citizens of Wichita and the surrounding communities as a privately funded organization. For more information about Wichita Center for the Arts, visit wcfta.com or call 316.364.2787. The gallery at Wichita Center for the Arts is open 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is free.

Note to Editors: Please see attached images for event logo and samples of artwork for sale.

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